

## House Resolution 106 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 106

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1 A Resolution recognizing National Agriculture Day.

2 WHEREAS, Iowa has 88,500 farms and 129,644 farm  
3 operators with more than 97 percent of Iowa farms owned  
4 by families; and

5 WHEREAS, Iowa agriculture accounted for nearly \$30  
6 billion in direct sales in recent years; and

7 WHEREAS, according to a report issued in May 2015  
8 by the National Agricultural Statistics Service of the  
9 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), in  
10 cooperation with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and  
11 Land Stewardship, Iowa again ranks 1st in the nation in  
12 corn for grain production, hog and pig inventory and  
13 commercial hog slaughter, and egg production; and

14 WHEREAS, according to the USDA report, Iowa ranks  
15 2nd in soybean production and red meat production, 6th  
16 in the number of certified organic farms, 7th in all  
17 cattle and calves inventory, 8th in cheese production  
18 and number of turkeys raised, and 10th in all sheep and  
19 lambs inventory and wool production; and

20 WHEREAS, Iowa ranks 2nd nationally in the number of  
21 farmers markets per capita; and

22 WHEREAS, Iowa is the nation's top ethanol producer  
23 with 42 ethanol refineries with the capacity to  
24 produce nearly 3.8 billion gallons annually and 1st  
25 in biodiesel production, with 13 biodiesel facilities

1 and the capacity to produce 320 million gallons  
2 annually; and

3 WHEREAS, March 15, 2016, is National Agriculture  
4 Day, dedicated to increasing the public awareness of  
5 agriculture's vital role in our society and recognizing  
6 this nation's unique role in producing food and fiber  
7 for a growing world population; and

8 WHEREAS, National Agriculture Day, first  
9 celebrated in 1973, is a day set aside when producers,  
10 agricultural associations, corporations, universities,  
11 government agencies, and countless others across this  
12 nation gather to recognize and celebrate the abundance  
13 of food and fiber produced by American agriculture; and

14 WHEREAS, National Agriculture Day is an opportunity  
15 to encourage persons to understand how food, fuel,  
16 fiber, and pharmaceuticals are produced, to appreciate  
17 the function of farmers and ranchers in producing  
18 abundant and affordable supplies of food, fuel, fiber,  
19 and pharmaceuticals, to acknowledge the essential  
20 role of agriculture in maintaining a vibrant economy,  
21 and to allow the next generation to consider career  
22 opportunities in agriculture; and

23 WHEREAS, this year's theme for National Agriculture  
24 Day is "Agriculture: Stewards of a Healthy  
25 Planet"; and

26 WHEREAS, National Agriculture Day is associated  
27 with a national essay contest and a number of  
28 events, including events conducted on Capitol Hill in  
29 Washington, D.C., including at the Senate Hart Office  
30 Building; NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
2 That the House of Representatives recognizes March 15,  
3 2016, as National Agriculture Day, and encourages all  
4 Iowans as residents of one of the leading agricultural  
5 states in the nation, to commemorate and celebrate that  
6 day and the invaluable contributions made by Iowa's  
7 farmers; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
9 resolution be sent to the Agriculture Council of  
10 America.